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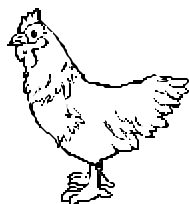
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week's trading were trending mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels was slow to moderate with improvements noted where retail ads and fast food promotions were strong. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample and at times discounted to aid in clearance. In the parts structure, trading increased some entering the weekend, but was overall slow to fair. Leg quarters were in good balance to instances tight and clearing well, and wings were readily available with slow movement. Breast items were mixed with boneless skinless more available and bone-in better balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/15/02-04/20/02 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	42.00-45.00	40.00-65.00	44.52	23
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	44.00-46.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	59.00-62.00	46.00-62.500	61.10	80

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
788	56.45-64.50	62.36

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.50	1,277
BREASTS - B/S	133.50	4,557
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.50	1,108
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00	775
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	8,232
WINGS	66.00	3,273

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. The trade sentiment for whole broiler/fryers was barely steady. Whole fryer and WOG offerings were sufficient with heavy sizes plentiful. Retail movement was mostly moderate with features attracting additional shopper interest. Food service movement was mostly fair, instances good. Floor stocks were well cleared to ample. Sizes were desirable. Trading on parts items was light to fair at best. Dealers were generally cautious and satisfied through regular commitments. Supplies of leg quarters were adequate to in close balance with breast items and wings plentiful. The market tone was steady to fully steady on leg quarters and cautiously steady to weak on remaining items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was slow to fair and not as active as desired following Easter and first of the month; however, interest was better where retail ads and fast food promotions were successful. Supplies were at least sufficient for limited trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair and continued to be watched closely since the Russian export ban remained unsettled. Leg quarters were in the best position and clearing well aided by retail specials. Breast items were mixed, longest for boneless skinless and fronts, more balanced for bone-in, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week's level. Trading reported for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample for current needs. Sizes generally in a full range with heavy weights in the longest position. Demand was good where features in progress elsewhere moderate. Dealers anticipated fairly good weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 69-99, whole cut-up 109-118, seasoned roaster 98, boneless breast 167-399, IQF boneless breast 2.5# 799 and 3# 507, boneless thigh meat 199-239, boneless leg meat 78-139, split breast 97-199, leg quarters 79-99, frozen leg quarter 10# bag 290-490, thigh 87-99, frozen thigh 3# 399, drumstick 79-99, frozen 3# 399, 48 oz chicken corn dog 398-459; Northern California - whole body 49-88, roaster 169, boneless breast 299, marinated boneless breast 399; Arizona - boneless breast 199-349, boneless thigh 199-349, leg quarter 10# 350, thigh 99-119, drumstick 99-119; Colorado - seasoned split fryer 99, IQF boneless breast 4# 799-899, split breast 199, drumstick 79-99, drumstick 79-99.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair with traders generally cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and competitively priced to stimulate additional buyer interest. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate and slow to clear; bone-in breasts and leg quarters were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were more than sufficient for trade needs.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair and generally below expectations entering the week-end. Offerings were adequate to ample, and where extra supplies were available, they were often reported as difficult to clear. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate for immediate needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		43-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		49.28
NO. OF BOXES		9,373
CUMULATIVE	04/08/02-04/12/02	49.41
	04/09/01-04/13/01	54.30
NO. OF BOXES	04/08/02-04/12/02	46,016
	04/09/01-04/13/01	59,244

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

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POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
BREAST - B/S	847	110.00-189.00	115-120	120.13	817	109.00-189.00	114-120	121.10	4,200
TENDERLOINS	119	135.00-195.00	-	149.12	96	130.00-195.00	-	151.15	651
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	64.00-69.00	64-67	66.25	113	64.00-69.00	64-67	66.25	565
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				105	52.00-55.25	-	53.75	399
LEGS	89	26.00-36.00	26-27	27.01	89	25.00-36.00	25-27	26.11	445
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	14.00-18.00	14-15	14.61	429	13.25-18.00	14-15	14.48	1,945
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,350	16.00-22.00	18-20	18.71	1,244	16.00-25.50	18-20	19.79	5,874
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	51.00-69.50	-	66.62	281	51.00-69.50	-	66.62	1,405
WINGS (CUT)	361	69.00-79.00	70-73	72.14	362	69.00-79.00	70-73	72.46	1,972
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				69	36.00-40.50	-	36.59	336
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				136
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				135

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APR 11, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE****AVERAGE**

35.13 - 38.00

36.23

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR APR 12, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

32.63 - 36.63

34.12

35.49

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity improved slightly entering the weekend, however business was no better than fair as dealers were very cautious and selective. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were available, bone-in breasts and leg quarters were in good balance and clearing, the balance of items were at least adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light to fair. Trade sentiment was steady on bone-in breast and leg quarters, barely steady on boneless skinless breast, balance of items were generally about steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

APR 11

**CURRENT NEG****WTD****CURRENT NEG****WTD****WEEKLY**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	120.52	404,080	115-120	120.77	457,690	122.83	2,269,100
TENDERLOINS	125-130	132.33	74,400	125-130	135.53	156,240	133.69	466,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	67.01	161,480	59-60	66.06	179,200	65.92	905,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	60.30	124,080	59	60.73	111,600	60.78	463,680
LEGS	32-33	36.24	120,600	32-33	33.57	169,960	35.24	726,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.74	525,240	17-18	19.35	392,746	19.27	2,575,174
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	34.39	101,820	32-33	34.06	105,830	34.20	587,774
THIGHS	25-26	32.47	59,450	25-26	28.18	100,300	30.81	388,660
B/S THIGHS	81-82	82.50	47,280	81-82	79.63	44,440	80.91	256,510
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	63.40	291,400	58-59	65.85	270,840	63.02	1,567,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.34	25,560	10-12	12.33	41,680	12.28	160,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	19.54	7,840	20-25	20.96	14,040	20.32	61,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.08	22,760	40-45	43.53	27,120	43.53	144,500

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

		AVG		AVG	
ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	
04/12	04/11	04/10	04/09	04/10	04/09
ALA	4,117	4,097	3,896	4,022	5.12
ARK	5,314	5,086	5,129	5,115	4.88
DELMARVA	2,293	2,354	2,327	2,349	5.20
KY-LA-TN	1,933	2,023	2,016	2,035	4.48
MISS	2,426	2,771	2,813	2,586	5.33
NC	2,532	2,643	2,631	2,598	6.11
TEXAS	2,406	2,424	2,451	2,457	4.89
TOTAL	21,021	21,398	21,263	21,162	5.13
MON-FRI	42,419(A)				5.19
					21,663
					5.17
					42,790(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Apr 02 and 13-Apr-02 is estimated to be 31,450,000 down 3.25 percent from a week ago and up 19.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,508,000; last year 26,251,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 13-Apr-02 is estimated to be 155,106,000 head up 1.7 percent from a week ago, and up 7.7 percent from a year ago (Last week 152,511,000 Last year 144,057,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	85-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-93
	DRY PACK 94-101
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 113
	ICE PACK 104-113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK -
	ICE PACK 94-98
DUCKS	152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending March 30, 2002 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	26,918,709	47,790	
Avg Weight	3.784.71	6.00	
% of total /1	29%21%	51%	

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	24,096,24,088	49,831	
Avg Weight	3.774.70	6.13	
% of total /1	25%25%	51%	
Same week, yr ago /2	31,444,37,632	40,803	
Avg Weight	3.824.68	6.07	
% of total /1	29%34%	37%	
To date/2002	401,363,304,454	612,079	
To date/2001	415,775,344,715	565,609	

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 06-Apr-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	152,511	1,982	1,263	3,245	363
AVG WT	5.07	3.55	7.86	5.23	6.63
LAST WEEK	146,133	1,978	1,250	3,228	391
SAME WK YR AGO	153,854	2,033	1,443	3,476	516
AVG WT	4.92	3.57	7.88	5.36	6.31
TO-DATE/2002	2,129,420	25,302	18,021	43,323	6,146
TO-DATE/2001	2,098,544	26,357	18,132	44,489	6,855

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.4 million head or 3.5 million head less than or 98% of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: APR 09, 2002**

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY\*\*\*

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.70 - 1.74	Silkie	2.50 - 3.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.60 - 1.64	Pigeons	2.60 - 3.60ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.40 - .62	White Pigeons	4.00 - 5.25ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .78	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .82	4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.32
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.70 - .92	7-11 LBS	1.00 - 1.22
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.50ea.	Bunnies	2.00 - 6.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.75ea.	Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 6.50ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.10 - .18	Goats	40.00 - 62.00ea.
		Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00ea.
		Doves	6.00 - 8.00ea.
		Pullets	.70 - .84

Total Coops Sold 436

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 08-APR-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126	123-127
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**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60-62	61-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83	70-75

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to instances good.

Weights were in the desirable range. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 08-APR-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
MARCH	2	156.8	158.1
	9	157.0	157.7
	16	155.1	155.6
	23	153.5	154.3
	30	147.9	155.9
APRIL	6	154.4	157.9
YEAR TO DATE	2155.4	2173.2	159.3
APRIL	13	159.3	160.5
	20	160.5	

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	04/13/02	04/06/02	% CHG	04/14/01	% CHG
Broilers	155,106	152,511*	+02	144,057*	+08
Cattle	645	616	+05	629*	+03
Hogs	1,927	1,861	+04	1,870*	+03

Under Federal Inspection

\*ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Supplies and offerings were adequate but product was still cleared satisfactorily. Demand ranged light to good. The undertone was generally steady but seasonal.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
22-24 MAJORITY 23-24	31-38 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
23.5-27.5 MAJORITY 24-25	31.75-38 MAJORITY 33-34

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for the mostly at least adequate offerings. Processings schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of leghorn hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate with supplies adequate to cover needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate for the moderate to occasionally good demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants schedules full. Offerings ample.

#### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to occasionally heavy. Interest for finished product was clearing the increased availability of offerings. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were too few to report. Interest for spent heavy hens was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair with supplies able to cover additional needs. Trade sentiment was usually steady.

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